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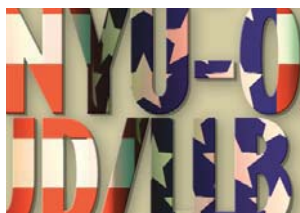
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Osgoode Taking the Lead



It has been a tremendous year of change, progress and renewal at Osgoode Hall Law School, capped off with the news in early January of our Number 1 ranking in the 2008 Canadian Lawyer Law School Survey.

We have continued to strengthen the incredible intellectual firepower of our faculty with the appointment of two named Chairs and the addition of four other professors to the full-time faculty. Cynthia Williams joined us as the Osler Chair in Business Law and Ed Waitzer, most recently Chairman of Stikeman Elliott LLP, is the Jarislowsky Dimma Mooney Chair in Corporate Governance. This past year we also recruited Professors Aaron Dhir and Sara Slinn from their posts at other Ontario law schools, Professor Gus Van Harten from the London School of Economics, and François Tanguay-Renaud, a Rhodes Scholar completing his doctorate at Oxford.

You will also be interested in reading Christine Ward's article on the path-breaking changes we have made to our academic program, giving greater emphasis to legal ethics and professionalism. While legal ethics has always been a feature of the academic program, Osgoode is the first Canadian law school to

create a mandatory first-year course in ethics, combined with a requirement that our students complete 40 hours of public interest work prior to graduation. We are indebted to Professor Trevor Farrow, Associate Dean Robert Wai, Visiting Professor Janet Leiper, and a team of dedicated colleagues, who have created and implemented these exciting and important initiatives.

Another first for Osgoode this year was the launch in May 2007 of the Building Osgoode Campaign, the largest fundraising campaign in our 119-year history. The centerpiece of the campaign is a comprehensive renovation and expansion of the Osgoode building that, as everyone knows, has been the source of complaint for years. I am delighted to report that the response to the campaign has been tremendous and we are grateful to the alumni and friends who have supported us so far. Included in the magazine is our Report on Giving, which shows that we have already amassed over \$24 million in campaign pledges, led by developer Ignat Kaneff's gift of \$2.5 million towards the building renewal. We are well on our way and expect to break ground on the project in 2008.

I also want to share the exciting news of the creation of the first-ever student residence for Osgoode students. In recent years, we have found it increasingly challenging to recruit outstanding students from outside Ontario. When we asked students what Osgoode needs to do to attract more out-of-province students, we found that an Osgoode exclusive student residence would make a major difference. I am pleased to report that, through the good offices of York's Assistant Vice President for Campus Services and Business Operations, Mike Markicevic, we have been able to create Osgoode Chambers, which will be located in a group of dedicated townhouses in the Passy Gardens complex, just across the street from the Law School. In addition to townhouse-style apartments facing onto a courtyard, the "O.C." will feature the Owls' Nest, a lounge where Osgoode students can relax and socialize with their colleagues and friends after class.

Finally, on a personal note, many of you will have seen that York President & Vice-Chancellor Mamdouh Shoukri recently extended my term as Dean for an additional five years. It has been an incredible privilege, not to mention a huge amount of fun, to serve as your Dean for the past four years. I should also say that I have been humbled and gratified by the numerous notes and calls I have received from alumni since the announcement of my renewal, expressing their support for the School. Osgoode is truly in the process of taking the lead in Canadian legal education, and I feel incredibly fortunate to be able to continue to serve as we build on that positive momentum in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick Monahan".

Patrick J. Monahan '80



Osgoode is Again Ranked Number One Law School in Canada

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Osgoode was ranked the Number One law school in Canada in Canadian Lawyer magazine's 2008 Law School Survey. It is the second time in three years that the Law School has taken top honours in the annual survey, winning previously in 2006.

The magazine's report on Canada's law schools, which appeared in the January 2008 issue, ranked Osgoode first, ahead of 13 other law faculties across the country including the University of Toronto (second place) and the University of New Brunswick (third place).

"I want to sincerely thank our alumni who participated in the 2008 survey for ranking us tops again," said Dean Patrick Monahan. "We are proud of the survey results, which confirm that the Law School's recruitment of several new faculty members as well as our curriculum improvements and ongoing efforts to renovate our facilities are having a positive and beneficial impact on students."

The magazine took a different approach to its survey this year, calculating grades based on alumni survey results, and then averaging them with the marks from the 2006 and 2007 surveys. Osgoode received particularly high marks for its curriculum and faculty, and was strongly recommended by Osgoode alumni as a great place to get a legal education. The magazine's editors also noted that Osgoode had listened to its alumni over the past few years and made changes that have led to a dramatic improvement in the Law School's standing with recent graduates.

Canadian law school graduates, who had been called to the bar within the last five years, were eligible to participate in the

survey, which ranked the quality of their alma maters in seven categories: curriculum; faculty; professors; testing; facilities; practice relevance of their education to their actual law practice; and overall recommendation.

To celebrate the ranking and say thank you to the members of the Osgoode community including alumni, the Law School hosted a celebration on January 9. It was standing room only in the School's mixing area and students gave a rousing cheer when Monahan and student leaders Victoria Creighton '08 and Jessica Catton '08, together with alumni representative Ngai On Young '04, unveiled a Number One banner that will hang in the Law School for the next several months. Guests quaffed cupcakes and scooped up some Osgoode memorabilia including giant, red Number One foam fingers and laptop tags.

"We are very proud to be a part of this Law School," said Creighton, Chair of Osgoode's Student Caucus. "On behalf of the students, I would like to thank the faculty and staff of Osgoode and, in particular, Dean Monahan for his leadership." Young of Cooper Sandler & West, who also served as coach of the Osgoode team that won last year's prestigious Fraser Milner Casgrain LLP Gale Cup Moot, praised the Law School for its initiative and the quality of education.

"I was recently in Nairobi, Kenya, attending a Commonwealth law conference, and I was amazed at how many people had heard of the Law School. Everyone I spoke to who knew about Osgoode was very impressed with the Law School and it has an international reputation for excellence."



Photography by Horst Herget

Justice John Evans (left) and Professor David Vaver return to Osgoode.

Two Legal Luminaries Return to Osgoode

Who said you can never come home again? Two former Osgoode professors – the Honourable Mr. Justice John Evans of the Federal Court of Appeal and David Vaver, Director of the Oxford Intellectual Property Research Centre at St. Peter's College of Oxford University – did just that. They returned to the Law School this fall to offer a new generation of Osgoode students their insight and experience in the law.

Evans, an administrative law expert who has made himself available to faculty and students as “jurist in residence” at Osgoode from September to March while on judicial study leave from the Federal Court of Appeal, was a Visiting Professor at the Law School in 1974 and a Professor from 1975 to 1998. He served as the Law School's Associate Dean from 1982 to 1985 and Acting Dean in 1987. He was appointed Judge of the Federal Court of Canada, Trial Division in 1998 and a year later he was appointed Judge of the Federal Court of Canada, Appeal Division. He has proven to be a valuable member of the judiciary and has written many very important judgments.

Vaver, who delivered the Lewtas Lecture on October 24, 2007 on the topic of “Chocolate, Copyright, Confusion: Intellectual Property and the Supreme Court of Canada”, is widely recognized as the leading authority in the English speaking world on intellectual property law.

He taught in New Zealand and some 20 years in Canada, including the University of British Columbia (1971, 1978-85) and Osgoode (1985-98), before going to Oxford. In 2005 he was the inaugural Yong Shook Lin Visiting Professor in Intellectual Property Law at the National University of Singapore. He has written extensively in intellectual property law and most recently edited a five-volume compilation of leading IP articles, *Intellectual Property Rights: Critical Concepts in Law* (Routledge, 2006).

“While it was important for the faculty and students to connect with two such distinguished individuals, it was also great to welcome back two good colleagues,” remarked Dean Patrick Monahan '80.

A Home Away from Home

Starting this summer, Osgoode undergraduate and graduate students will have a residence on the York University campus to call their own. A place where they can live, work and have fun together.

Located across the street from the Law School in the award-winning Passy Gardens housing complex, “Osgoode Chambers” will feature tastefully furnished bachelor and one-bedroom townhouse suites in a courtyard setting. There will also be the Owls' Nest where students can relax, watch a widescreen TV, and enjoy the company of their Osgoode neighbours.



Chief Law Librarian Appointed

Louis Mirando has been appointed Osgoode's Chief Law Librarian, beginning March 1, 2008. Mirando brings more than 20 years of legal information experience to the post. For the past 15 years, he has been the Director of Library Services for Torsys LLP, one of Canada's leading business law firms.



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A Banner Year!

BEST EVER MOOTING RESULTS

The 2006-07 academic year was the Law School's best-ever competitive mooting year, with our students winning the Sopinka Cup, Wilson Cup, Fraser Milner Casgrain LLP Gale Cup and Arnup Cup. In addition, for the first time ever, our students won all three first prizes at the National Law School Mediation Tournament in Chicago. Osgoode also picked up two individual prizes at the International Criminal Court (ICC) Trial Competition in The Hague in December.

The four-member Osgoode Gale Cup team of **Geoff Grove '08**, **Will Hutcheson '07**, **Jason Reynar '07** and **Chris Tucker '08** beat out 18 other Canadian law schools to win the *Fraser Milner Casgrain LLP Gale Cup* on the weekend of February 24, 2007 and advance to the Commonwealth Moot in Nairobi, Kenya in September, 2007, where they performed admirably, but did not make it to the finals.

The Osgoode team of third-year students **Karin McCaig '07** and **Donna Polgar '07** won the *Sopinka Cup* national trial advocacy competition in Ottawa on March 16 and 17, 2007. In addition, McCaig won the award for the Best Opening Statement and Polgar won Best All-Around Advocate. McCaig and Polgar also placed first in the *Arnup Cup*, the regional trial advocacy competition between Ontario law schools that was held in Toronto the second weekend in February.

The Osgoode Wilson Moot team of Appellants **Kevin Nash '07** and **Jen Fehr '07** and Respondents **Deanna Gilbert '08** and **Julie Lanz '07** went up against 10 other law school teams from across Canada during the first weekend of March, 2007 and walked away with the *Wilson Cup* for the second year in a row. The final round was against the University of Manitoba. It was Osgoode's fifth Wilson victory, with Osgoode taking top honours in 1994, 1995, 2000 and 2006.

Shabir Amlani '07, **Jennifer Brent '07** and **Daniel Cole '07** walked away with all three of the first prizes at the *Fifth Annual National Law School Mediation Tournament* in Chicago, which was sponsored by the International Academy of Dispute Resolution and the Chicago Bar Association. It was the first time that a non-American team had participated in and won the mediation tournament, and the first time that one law school had won awards for best mediator (**Amlani**) and best lawyer and client team (**Brent and Cole**). Osgoode was one of 16 three-member

teams in the tournament, and one of four teams that proceeded to the final mediation. The students' coach was Professor Emeritus Fred Zemans.

As well, the Osgoode team of students **Subhi Barakat '08**, **Sarah Boyd '08** and **Josh Scheinert '09** gave an outstanding performance at the *International Criminal Court (ICC) Trial Competition* in The Hague December 10 to 12, 2007, making it to the finals and taking home two individual prizes.

The ICC Trial Competition, which focuses on ICC proceedings and international criminal law, brought together law students from 12 universities around the world. The competition also had a distinct structure, with students not only taking on the role of prosecutor or defence, as in traditional moot courts, but also the role of judge.

South Africa's Pretoria University beat out Osgoode and India's Nalsar University in the finals, however individual prizes were awarded to **Boyd** for "Best Prosecutor" and **Barakat** for "Best Judge".

The students' coaches were Professor Sharon Williams (faculty advisor, and a former Judge of the International Criminal Tribunal for Yugoslavia) and Adjunct Professor **Leo Adler '73** (practitioner mentor, and Director of National Affairs for the Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies). The participation of Osgoode in this competition was made possible by a very generous contribution by the Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Centre for Holocaust Studies.



ICC Trial Competition Team

Left to right: Adjunct Professor Leo Alder; students Subhi Barakat; Sarah Boyd and Josh Scheinert; Professor Sharon Williams



Dean Patrick Monahan '80, former Attorney General Michael Bryant '92 and Patricia Hughes '82, Executive Director of the Law Commission of Ontario

Law Commission of Ontario Officially Launched

Former Ontario Attorney General Michael Bryant '92 launched the Law Commission of Ontario and introduced its new Executive Director, Dr. Patricia Hughes '82, at a ceremony on September 7, 2007 at the Law School.

Osgoode faculty and students as well as senior members of the legal community attended the event and speakers included York University President & Vice-Chancellor Mamdouh Shoukri; Law Foundation of Ontario Chair Larry Banack; W.A. Derry Millar, Chair of the Law Society of Upper Canada's Finance & Audit Committee; Dean Patrick Monahan and Hughes.

Hughes, who started her four-year term with the LCO on September 15, served as Dean of the University of Calgary's Faculty of Law from 2001 to 2006. More recently, she was Executive Director of Education (Alberta) and Scholar-in-Residence at Bennett Jones LLP in Calgary.

"Ontario needs a body with the mandate to be both innovative and practical in identifying areas of law that require reform and in recommending appropriate reforms," Hughes said at the ceremony. "I am anxious to begin working with the partners who have had the insight to establish the LCO to make it a major and integral part of Ontario's legal landscape."

The LCO, which is headed by a Board of Governors and operates independently of government to recommend law reforms to improve the administration of Ontario's justice system and enhance access to justice, is a partnership among the Law Deans of Ontario's six law schools, as well as the Law Society of Upper Canada, the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General, and the Law Foundation of Ontario.

One of Hughes' first tasks as LCO Executive Director was to hire its staff, which is now composed of a staff lawyer and a part-time research lawyer as well as an executive assistant who are working temporarily in York's Computer Methods Building until Osgoode's renovation and expansion project is completed.

Hughes and her staff will be working on several Board of Governors-approved initial projects for the LCO including the development of coherent approaches to the law relating to the elderly as well as persons with disabilities; how to structure pension division on family breakdown; and the charging of fees for cashing government cheques.

For further information about the LCO, visit its Web site at www.lco-cdo.org or e-mail lawcommission@lco-cdo.org.

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE OSGOODE HALL LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The eighth Annual General Meeting of the Osgoode Hall Law School Alumni Association will be held on Wednesday, May 21, 2008 from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Museum Room, Osgoode Hall, 130 Queen Street West, Toronto, Ontario.

Copies of the agenda will be available in advance through the Osgoode Alumni Office, 416-736-5638, alumni@osgoode.yorku.ca

All alumni are welcome.
Positive RSVPs appreciated.

A Special Feminist Friday



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Family and friends of the late Helena Orton '82, who died in 1997, attended an Institute for Feminist Legal Studies seminar at Osgoode on September 28, 2007 to celebrate her legacy and the 2007-08 winner of the Helena Orton Memorial Scholarship – PhD student Caroline Hodes. *Front row, left to right*, Helena's parents, John and Maureen Orton; her daughter, Gillian Bever; Karen Schucher '07 (LLM); and Elizabeth Shilton, retired founding partner of Cavalluzzo, Hayes, Shilton, McIntyre & Cornish LLP where Orton and Schucher were also partners. *Back row*, Glenn Orton and Helena's husband, Fred Bever.



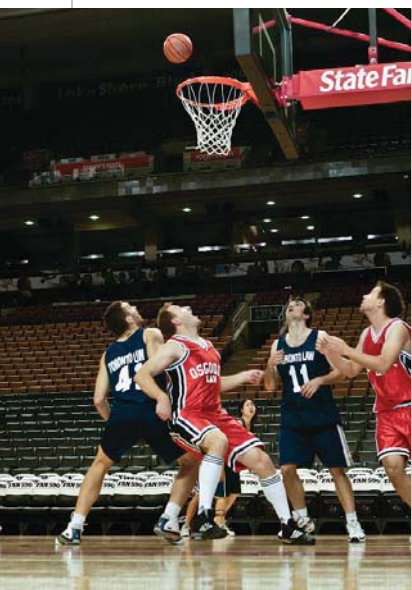
Justice Dennis O'Connor '64 and York University Chancellor Peter Corey '50

Dennis O'Connor '64 Earned his Good Reputation

Over the past 30 years, Dennis O'Connor has attained eminence as an academic, a magistrate in Canada's north, a jurist and, most recently, Commissioner of both the Walkerton and Maher Arar inquiries. The Walkerton Report and the Arar Report are a testament to his wisdom, judgment, service to the community and courage. He taught law at the University of Western Ontario and, from 1980 to 1998, acted as the Chief Negotiator for the Government of Canada for the Yukon Land Claim. He served as an elected Bencher of the Law Society of Upper Canada from 1987 to 1995, and was appointed to the Ontario Court of Appeal in 1998. He was appointed Associate Chief Justice of Ontario in 2001.

O'Connor came to the Osgoode convocation June 15, 2007 to accept a doctor of laws honoris causa. In his characteristic style, he delivered the straight goods to students. His simple, yet sage, advice to the graduating class was to build good professional reputations, contribute to their communities, and lead balanced lives that counter the pressures associated with their careers.

"Reputations are earned, not conferred. A good reputation is built layer upon respected layer," said O'Connor. "At the end of the day, the kind of person you become will be a more significant measure of your success than your other accomplishments."



Student Spirit and Heart on the Basketball Court

Osgoode students billed the week of November 12 to 16, 2007 as Spirit Week and they sure showed that they've got it. The students used the week to give back to the community by helping to raise money for the Law Society of Upper Canada's Lawyers Feed the Hungry Program, and donating blood to the Canadian Blood Services.

Osgoode's Legal & Literary Society, lead by President Jessica Catton '08 and Social Convenor Jean-Paul ("JP") Rodriguez '09, together with the University of Toronto Students' Law Society, jointly organized the Inaugural Black and Blue Charity Tip-Off at the Air Canada Centre on

Nov. 16, a heart-racing basketball showdown between the Osgoode Owls and the University of Toronto Blues.

Proceeds from the ticket sales, which amounted to just over \$5,000, went to support the Lawyers Feed the Hungry Program, which provides hot meals to Toronto's homeless and needy.

"I can tell you that \$5,000 is a lot of money," said Hildy Boyd, a legal assistant at Heenan Blaikie who has been a volunteer for seven years with the Program, and who accepted the cheque on its behalf. Boyd noted that the Lawyers Feed the Hungry Program has a budget of about \$160,000 per year. While most of that money is raised at one charity event, usually a bowlathon in January in which Toronto law firms participate, donations such as that from the Black and Blue Charity Tip-Off are truly appreciated.

Hundreds of noisy spectators saw the Blues trounce the Owls 40-22, and the 3-on-3 faculty scrimmage was embarrassingly low-scoring (tied 2-2 after 10 full minutes of play – a defensive struggle!), but it was all for a worthy cause.

Sincere thanks go to the Black and Blue Charity Tip-Off sponsors: Cassels Brock, which provided T-shirts for the first 300 fans; Goodmans, which sponsored the Halftime Free Throw Challenge and provided one of the coaches (Dale Lastman '82); Hodgson Shields Desbrisay O'Donnell Mackillop Squire; Gowlings; Fasken Martineau; Osler; McCarthy Tétrault; and Scarfone Hawkins.

'Hootie' is Hot!

The owl mascot has represented Osgoode since the late 1950s when a student came up with the idea of nicknaming the School's sports teams the "Osgoode Owls". More recently, however, 'Hootie' had gone missing.

Then in the spring of 2005, James Cox '06 and Nicole Vaillancourt '07 – Co-Chair and Second Year Rep, respectively, of the Osgoode Hall Athletics Association (OHAA) – took it upon themselves to bring the owl back to life.

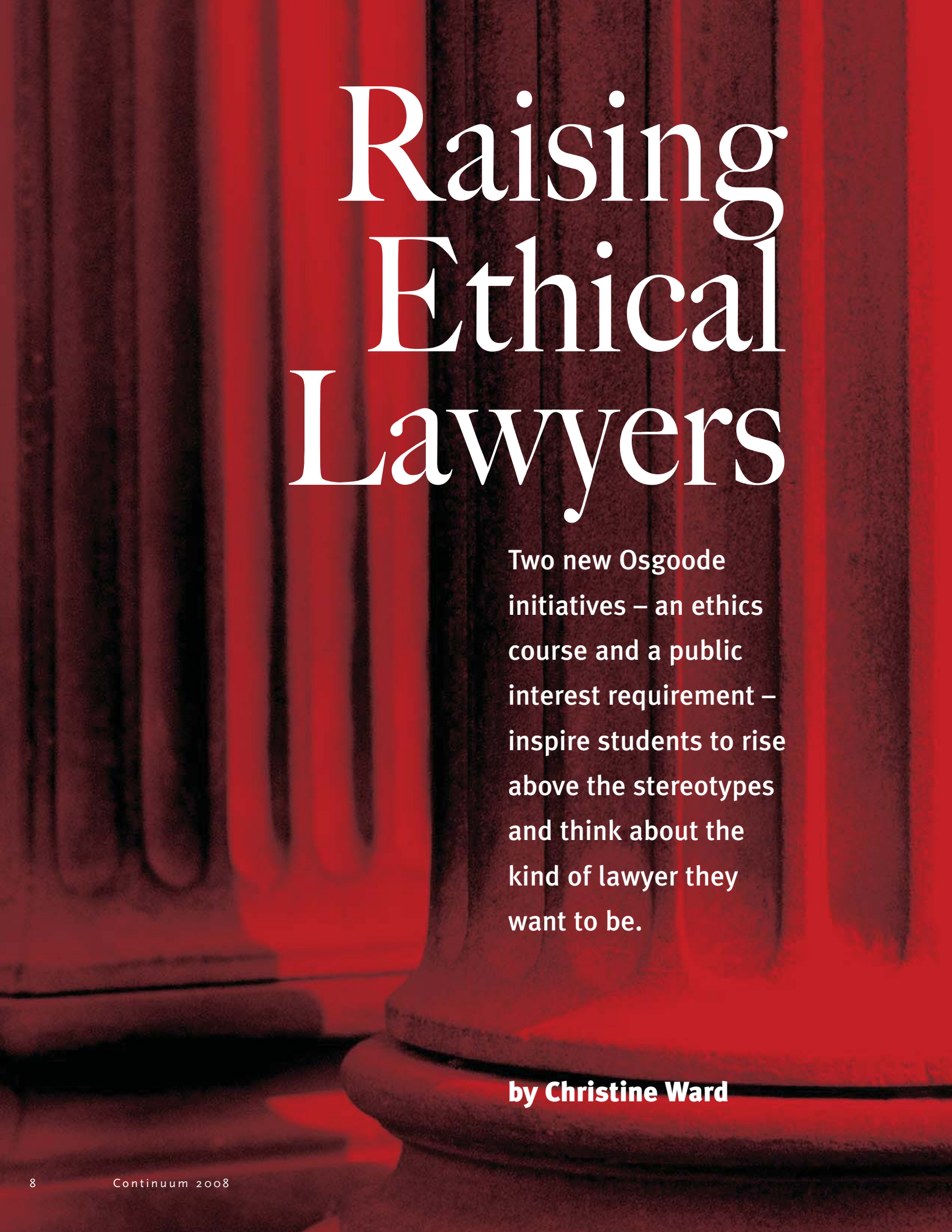
"We wanted to help bolster school spirit, and bring back the use of 'Osgoode Owls' for our athletic teams," Vaillancourt said.

She and her mother, Cathy Hartley, designed and sewed the unique Osgoode Owl costume. "Most mascots are sewn from a standard pattern – the only things that make them different from one another are the fabrics and colours used," noted Vaillancourt. "But my Mom has a very keen sense when it comes to sewing, so Hootie was sewn without a pattern, making him a very unique mascot."

That's certainly true. If his appearance at the Black and Blue Charity Tip-Off is any indication, Hootie is hot!



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Raising Ethical Lawyers

Two new Osgoode initiatives – an ethics course and a public interest requirement – inspire students to rise above the stereotypes and think about the kind of lawyer they want to be.

by Christine Ward

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n September, Osgoode Hall Law School raised the bar among Canadian law schools by introducing an ambitious ethics program that combines a first-of-its-kind ethics course and public interest service requirement for all LLB students. Resulting from two years of intensive research and planning, the initiatives are priorities within the Law School's strategic plan and a cornerstone of Osgoode's continuing leadership in social justice.

It's a timely move. Issues of legal ethics have arguably dominated the public consciousness since Watergate and, more recently, Enron and Conrad Black. This summer, Maclean's magazine raised eyebrows with its controversial cover story likening lawyers to rats. With an expanded focus on ethical lawyering and public interest law, Osgoode rises above the name calling and stereotypes to inspire students to think about lawyers as dealmakers, facilitators, mediators and advocates. We probe what it means to be a professional in a global world. And we challenge students to contemplate their own future within a justice system that is built on the pillars of accessibility and public interest. Welcome to the Law School of the 21st century.

Ethics: A Cornerstone of Practice of Law



Professor Trevor Farrow

First-year law student Robert Kleinman '10 was perplexed. Day One of law school and he was already faced with the kind of heart-wrenching case that tears at even the most seasoned lawyers. Imagine representing someone who you believe assaulted his wife and

was now vying for custody of his child. Thus was the case study as presented by Osgoode faculty member and course section leader Janet Mosher during an intensive first week of ethical issues in law.

"People generally thought there must be a right or wrong answer," remembers Kleinman. "They didn't have any idea what to say or do."

That's precisely the point, explains Trevor Farrow, Osgoode's resident legal ethics specialist and director of the Law School's new course. If there's a theme to Ethical Lawyering in a Global Community it's that there's no one, substantive way to think like a lawyer. "We value a plurality of choices and perspectives. There is no right answer to some of these issues."

Which is why Osgoode has taken the bold step of introducing the course over the first week of the first year of Law School

before students become bogged down in the technical minutiae of contracts and torts, and when they have little to offer but their own experiences.

"We're trying to get everyone who comes through our doors attuned to the issues and broad possibilities of what we do in law," says Farrow. "We want to broaden the frameworks of practice, the horizon of potential careers and the kind of clients we might take and then blow open the doors on how to proceed as lawyers."

The study of ethics itself is nothing new at Osgoode or, for that matter, at most North American law schools. Notions of how to act within the context of the legal world have been woven throughout Osgoode's LLB curriculum for years. But legal ethics and professional responsibility have never gained the prominence of black letter law courses like torts, contracts and criminal law.

"In Canada, the shared opinion is that, traditionally, we haven't done a great job of teaching ethics," admits Farrow.

Until now. In introducing ethical lawyering as a mandatory first-year class, Osgoode is charting a new course in Canadian legal education. The course started with nine hours in September, during which students learned about multiple visions of lawyering. They participated in small group discussions, case studies and role plays, and two panels involving leading lawyers, judges and policy makers shared

their perspectives on lawyering, access to justice and the sometimes blurry line between personal values and professional responsibility.

Murray Klippenstein, probably best known for his representation of the estate and family of Dudley George, a native rights activist who was shot and killed by police at Ipperwash Provincial Park in Ontario in 1995, told of his transition from Bay Street to the full-time practice of public interest law.

"It got a lot of people thinking that corporate law isn't the only choice," says Kleinman.

That's not to say, though, that public interest law should be pegged as an option at one end of the long spectrum of legal careers. "By its very definition, the practice of law should always take place in the public's interest," argues Mosher, a member of the First-Year Curriculum Reform Working Committee that recommended the focus on ethics.

"The subject is as relevant to a downtown lawyer, as it is to someone practising in northern Canada or within government or academia. Ethical issues are, quite simply, central to who we are as lawyers."

Court of Appeal Justice Stephen Goudge agrees. "In the practice of law, you can't go to work without facing issues of ethics and professional responsibility," he told first-year students as part of September's panel discussion. "It is one of the great chal-

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lenges and joys of practising law.” Goudge, who is currently heading the Inquiry into Pediatric Forensic Pathology in Ontario, is also a member of the Chief Justice of Ontario’s Advisory Committee on Professionalism, established in 2000 to make recommendations about initiatives to enhance professionalism.

Farrow hopes students pocketed Goudge’s words as the foundation for reflective thinking throughout the balance of the first term and beyond. “The questions we’ve raised here should inspire the kinds of questions and discussions we want students to engage in during every course and as part of the Osgoode Public Interest Requirement (OPIR),” he says.

In January, Osgoode’s first-year students, their eyes now open to important aspects of legal thinking and substantive law, returned to the ethics classroom for a two-week intensive session that included a combination of plenary speakers, break-out discussions, role plays and individual study. This time, organizers strived to deepen students’ understanding of ethical considerations by deepening the focus on moral theory, transnationalism and multiculturalism.

Says Mosher: “We wanted to give students additional tools to help them think through and resolve ethical problems in a world where the rules are sometimes contradictory. The practice of law as we know it in North America is radically different in other cultures. What is a conflict of interest in one culture might not be so in another.”

Grounding the study of legal ethics in a global context is another element of what makes Osgoode’s endeavour unique, says Adam Dodek, a visiting legal ethics scholar at Osgoode. Dodek, who first helped to lead the course in September while a visiting scholar and

PhD candidate at the University of Toronto, praises the School’s vision and leadership.

“I have no doubt that Osgoode’s ethics course is the most ambitious and exciting development in Canadian legal ethics in decades.”

And this is just the beginning. Plans are underway to launch a visiting lectureship that would bring to Osgoode a leading scholar or practitioner to engage in significant research and discussion in ethical lawyering. The appointment, offered for approximately one week each year, is funded by a leadership gift from Toronto’s Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP. The full-service law firm has also provided annual prizes for the top student in Osgoode’s ethical lawyering course and the LLB student who demonstrates a significant contribution to public interest work through OPIR (see inset).

Osgoode’s faculty members have other ideas for growing the program as well. The First-Year Curriculum Reform Working Committee that includes Mosher and Associate Dean Robert Wai, is watching closely to gauge how the reforms are working. “There may still be further changes ahead,” says Wai. And the School’s long-term strategy includes a comprehensive review of upper-level programming.

That’s music to the ears of Farrow who moved to Osgoode from the University of Alberta in 2006 to be a part of the Law School’s dynamic ethics team. From day one, he aspired to make legal ethics and professionalism components of every facet of undergraduate legal education at Osgoode.

“I want it to be a central point of conversation in every LLB course, a subject of interest for students doing research and I hope it makes a significant difference in the kinds of choices our graduates make as lawyers.”

Cassels Brock & Blackwell Supports Ethics at Osgoode

When Osgoode announced the creation of the new Ethical Lawyering in a Global Community course and the Osgoode Public Interest Requirement (OPIR) requiring LLB students to perform 40 hours of pro bono service as a condition of graduation, Cassels Brock & Blackwell was immediately interested.

“We’re impressed that Osgoode recognized the importance of this issue and took such a strong lead in addressing it,” said Mark Young ‘78, Managing Partner, Cassels Brock & Blackwell. “We believe that ethics is a core tenet of the legal profession and should guide every lawyer in his or her practice. Including this topic specifically in the curriculum will instill in students an understanding of their personal responsibility to clients and the justice system, long before they begin working.”

The firm has established two prizes; one in the ethical lawyering course; the other in OPIR. The firm has also created the Cassels Brock & Blackwell Visiting Lecturer, which will allow the Law School to invite a leading scholar, judge or lawyer to visit Osgoode as part of the ethical lawyering course.

“Cassels Brock is a firm that not only recognizes opportunity, but seizes it,” said Dean Patrick Monahan ‘80. “Their gift in 2005 created the Cassels Brock & Blackwell classroom with its historic window. Once again, they are stepping forward to fund an innovative and important initiative. We are grateful for their support.”

Time is Right for Public Interest Requirement

As one of the panel discussions in Osgoode’s first-year, mandatory ethical lawyering class came to a close this September, a student asked the question that Janet Leiper had been waiting for: “What

can we do to help?” The class had just learned about the myriad of ways in which lawyers can serve the public interest and help to ensure an accessible and

balanced justice system. “It just begged the question,” laughs Leiper. And the former Chair of Legal Aid Ontario and Osgoode’s newly appointed Visiting Professor of Public Interest Law had a ready answer.

In September, Osgoode became the first Canadian law school to introduce a comprehensive public interest graduation requirement. As part of the Osgoode Public Interest Requirement (OPIR), every LLB student must complete 40 hours of unpaid public interest work followed by an intensive personal evaluation of their experiences and efforts.

“The Ethical Lawyering in a Global



Visiting Professor Janet Leiper

Community course provided the context for our new requirement and the need for students to consider the notion of giving back to the community," says Leiper.

In short order, students started accessing OPIR's newly launched Web site and inquiring about eligible placements. Since joining Osgoode in July, Leiper has visited public interest centres at Harvard Law School and New York University School of Law, and talked to dozens of local non-profit and community organizations, law firms, courts and government offices about projects ranging from pro bono representation of clients in small claims court, to policy-setting and law reform, and even research on appeal cases involving adoption and same-sex marriage laws.

"Public interest can be fairly broad," explains John Kromkamp, Senior Legal Officer with the Ontario Court of Appeal, an Osgoode adjunct professor and an advocate of the Law School's new requirement. "It includes a range of issues that once weren't thought to be in the public's interest at all."

Osgoode's students have their pick of placement opportunities that accord to the broadest definition of public interest – work that supports, expands or provides access to justice.

As a volunteer in the Court of Appeal, for example, students might have a chance to flex their legal muscles on high-profile cases like one heard by the Court in November in which lawyers questioned the appropriateness of the National Sex Offender Registry as a means of tracking the country's sex offenders.

Other students might choose to assist practising lawyers with their work on behalf of Pro Bono Law Ontario. The non-profit organization's newly established self-help centre – Law Help Ontario – could pose "an excellent opportunity for law students to work with a lawyer on research and client counseling," points out Executive Director Lynn Burns.

Osgoode also has willing partners in the Criminal Lawyers' Association, Legal Aid Ontario, the Ministry of the Attorney General of Ontario and a growing number of other organizations in the private and public sectors. Many of the Law School's for-credit programs, including the Intensive Program in Poverty Law, the Intensive Program in Aboriginal Lands, Resources and Government, the Innocence Project and the Community and Legal Aid Services Program (CLASP), also offer eligible public interest opportunities.

If students don't see something that sparks their interest, they can always source their own placement. First-year student Michelle Rosenstock '10 was one of the first to commit to OPIR this fall with an innovative program that involves talking to high school students about issues of consent. She had already committed to help grow the out-

reach initiative as part of the Women's Legal Education and Action Fund when she learned about the public interest graduation requirement and landed the green light to proceed.

"It's a matter of finding a cause you're passionate about," she says. "If you instill this value in students now, they'll be more inclined to give back to society when they're practising law in the future."

Leiper is quick to agree. Recalling her own experiences in the early 1980s as a law student at the University of Western Ontario's Community Legal Services, she says: "I got to act in a criminal trial in my third year and to go to court before I was even called to the bar. That experience early on in my legal education helped to shape my entire career."

The benefits don't stop there.

Janet Mosher, chair of Osgoode's Public Interest Committee accountable for ongoing development of the program, sees OPIR and the Law School's new ethical lawyering program as catalysts for talking about the tremendous depth of unmet legal need in the country. "It gives us the space to ask what this means for a legal profession that is supposed to exist in the public interest and what that might mean for our students when they enter the legal profession."

Osgoode isn't alone in raising these kinds of questions. Former Chief Justice of Ontario Roy McMurtry '58 was an outspoken advocate of the need to engage members of the bar in the community through activities like pro bono work and mentorship. He played a leadership role in the establishment of Pro Bono Law Ontario.

In her role at the helm of Legal Aid Ontario from 2004 until 2007, Leiper saw a generational shift in the kind of students choosing to study law and then in the types of firms they were keen to join after graduation. "Articling students are looking for firms that offer pro bono policies. They're bringing to the job diverse life experiences, knowledge of their community and a commitment to give back. It's breathing fresh air into the entire profession."

Law firms know that and they're responding in spades. According to Pro Bono Law Ontario's Lynn Burns, 17 of the 25 largest law firms in Ontario now have policies that allow employees to count pro bono

work as billable hours. Firms like Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP are actively promoting those policies as a key recruitment factor.

Osgoode's innovative program is a rich complement to the changing legal culture in Canada, says Leiper, and, if all goes according to plan, it will be just the tip of the iceberg. Working with Dean Patrick Monahan and the Public Interest Committee, Leiper plans to continue to grow the range of public interest opportunities for students.

"In time, I'd like to see other law schools in Ontario adopt this requirement,

A Role for Alumni

When it comes to the Osgoode Public Interest Requirement, we are a village, says Janet Leiper, the Law School's Visiting Professor of Public Interest Law. It takes a growing number of stakeholders – students, alumni, employers, community organizations, the judiciary, legal organizations and others – to make the program work. But there are a number of important roles alumni can play in helping Osgoode students achieve the 40 hours of pro bono work required for graduation.

If you're a senior lawyer looking to start a pro bono effort within your firm; a public interest lawyer in need of assistance; a willing facilitator of ethical lawyering or public interest discussion groups involving students; or simply an interested graduate . . . then we want to hear from you!

Contact Janet Leiper at 416-736-5748 or jleiper@osgoode.yorku.ca

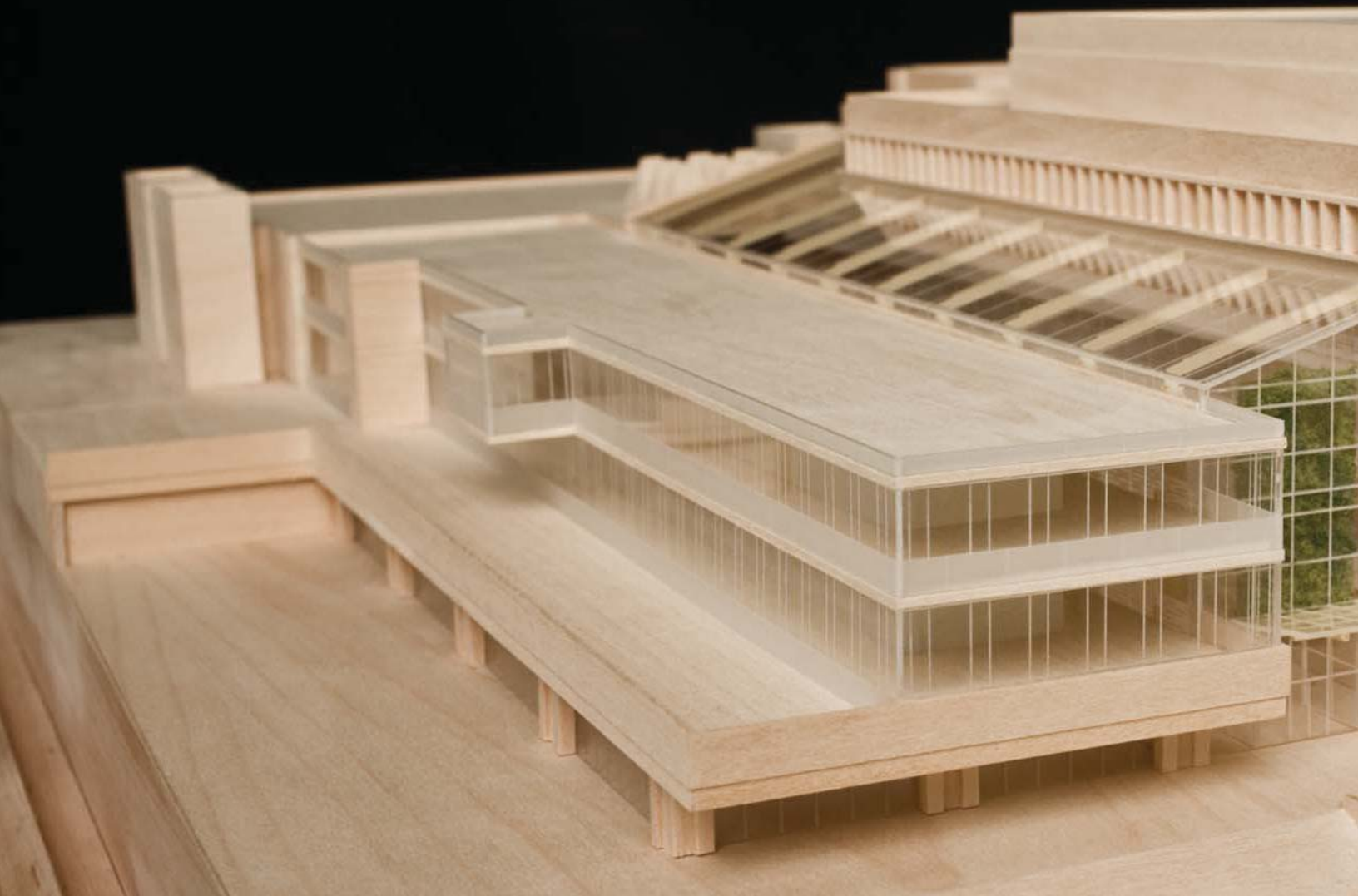
creating a community of public interest programs with more expansive reach."

She'll also seek to strengthen public interest initiatives like Pro Bono Students Canada, which provides law students with unpaid placements with local agencies, organizations and community groups, and Teen Osgoode Program for Secondary Schools (TOPSS), a mentoring program that connects law students to high school students.

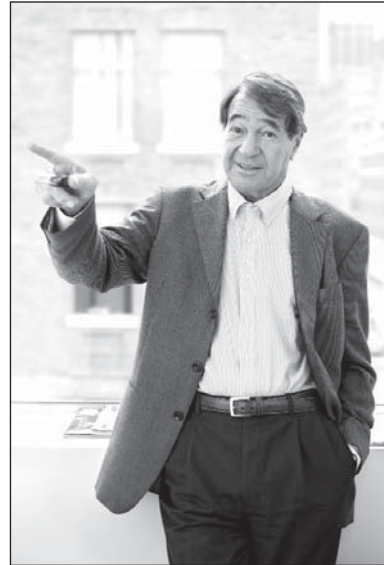
"Certainly the time is right for Osgoode and for everyone else to move forward on these kinds of initiatives," says the Court of Appeal's Kromkamp. "Sharing in the community has been an important part of the practice of law throughout history and it remains an important part of our responsibility today and for the future." "Osgoode is to be credited for playing a leadership role." ☼

The School That Jack Built

Award-winning architect Jack Diamond has big plans for Osgoode's new building



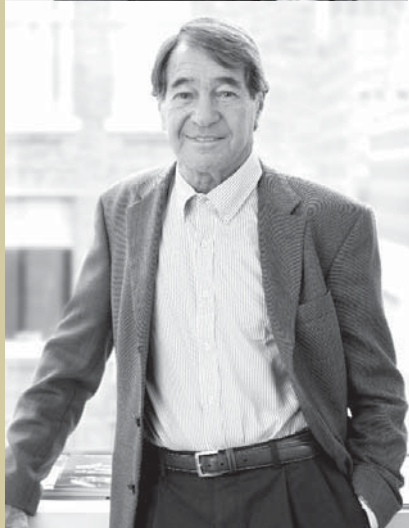
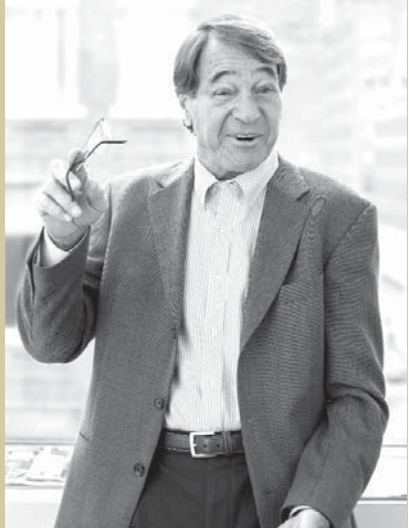
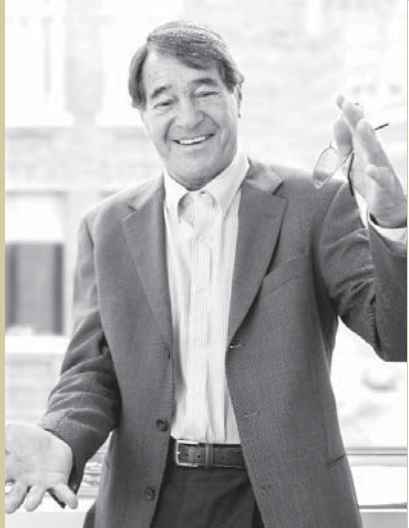
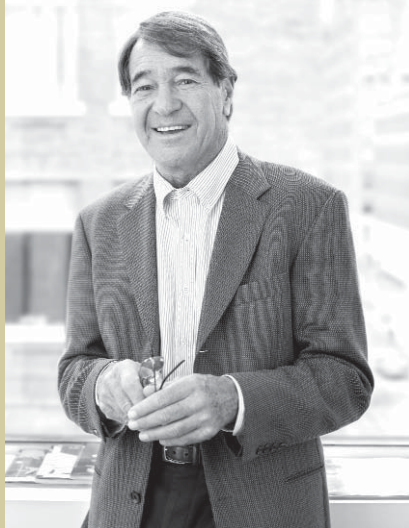
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When Osgoode Hall Law School moved from Osgoode Hall in downtown Toronto to its current space on the York campus in 1969, education was mostly about what you learned, not how, and a law school building was little more than four walls and a roof.

So much has changed. Today, Osgoode has an ambitious vision of a bright new building that engages young minds, empowers a spirit of community and transforms learning into boundless possibilities. The building plan is the brainchild of Jack Diamond, a principal with Toronto's Diamond + Schmitt Architects Inc., and the inspired mind behind the city's Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts and the York University Student Centre, for which he was presented with the Governor General's Award for Architecture and the Award of Excellence from Canadian Architect.



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Continuum recently met up with Diamond to talk about his design for a Law School for the 21st century.

C: Diamond + Schmitt Architects has a vision of “architecture shaped by the life within it and the life around it.” What does this mean?

JD: Too often, architects design from the outside-in and then stuff function into it. Practical people design from the inside-out, but their buildings sometimes lack creativity and beauty. We design buildings that support both the aspirations and the functional requirements of their users. It's both content and context that inspire me.

C: How might this philosophy apply to Osgoode?

JD: The content in this case is a law school that is lacking in light and clear circulation paths. People work and study in silos. Visitors don't know where to go or how to get there. There are no natural connections, which are so necessary in a learning environment. The context is the University's surroundings. To the south is a woodlot, a future convocation hall is to the east and there's a great vista to the west. Through our design, we're challenged to

give views to and from these places.

C: Share with us your vision for a renovated and expanded Law School building that is responsive to the changing realities of legal education and practice.

JD: I see the modern world as a place of individual capsules. Every day, people move from living room to car, to our office and back. At other times, people indulge in solitary activities – in front of a computer or television screen. There's little sense of community. The casual meeting in the park or on the street has been lost. It's critical for an institution that wants to transfer knowledge and that prides itself on interdisciplinary work to reclaim that. With our design for Osgoode Hall Law School, we're aspiring to bring people together, to recreate a sense of community. We're building a place that people will want to spend time in.

C: How will you do that?

JD: By celebrating natural behaviours. This building will have great light, simple pathways and accessible gather-

ing places. The central space will be a main street or a piazza that links the old building and the new. It will be about 25 feet wide and feature a glass roof and a series of upper-level bridges, which are actually lounges connecting the two buildings. In fact, we're planning to integrate informal meeting spaces throughout the building in all of the places people go naturally. We're putting lounges at vertical and horizontal crossroads of movement, instead of at the end of corridors. Some of the best informal meetings take place en route to somewhere else. Our design celebrates that.

C: Take me through the expanded building. What will I see when I step inside?

JD: Entering from the parking lot on the west or from main campus on the east, you'll step into the atrium with a view of the bridges and lounges above connecting the old building to the new faculty wing. It's modernism without the sterility. We'll have lots of wood paneling and natural light. To one side will be the cafeteria, and space for student clubs and activ-

ities; to the other you'll find a renovated and expanded library featuring study space for individual and group work. The stairs at the far end will lead to the first floor and what is now the building's front lobby. It's all about convergence – finding inherent ways to bring people and disciplines together toward a common goal.

C: Forty years ago, when the original Law School building was constructed, both the study of law and the practice of architecture were something very different. What would you imagine the first architect set out to achieve?

JD: You're right – priorities were very different then. They simply got buildings up with little thought for social dynamics. People didn't think about how learning takes place. As part of this process, we interviewed every constituent group from the Dean to the janitor. Administrators, faculty members, staff and students all got to share their wishes and their complaints. There's an overriding sense that this is a dingy place to study and work, but it's also a law school that

prides itself on delivering outstanding student experiences.

C: Is the space challenge we face unique?

JD: At Diamond + Schmitt, we have more than 25 universities and colleges as clients. Whether it's McGill or UBC, Stanford or Harvard, they all have the same concern. The rigid boundaries between disciplines and professions are dissolving and we're now more interested in how things come together than in the individual parts. There's really no sense in putting people into silos if what they really want to achieve is an understanding of the whole.

C: How will Osgoode benefit from your past successes?

JD: We've put the notion of convergence into place at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology in Oshawa where we received a top prize for campus planning and the best academic library in North America award from the Society for College and University Planning. At the UBC Life Sciences Centre, we received a gold LEED, one of just four in all of North

America [Editor's Note: the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Green Building Rating System is used to measure the effective use of green building strategies]. There are many ways to tackle the same challenge. At Osgoode, we'll pair the best of these strategies with new ideas. Responsible environmental design will be a driving factor in our design. The availability of natural light and surroundings is a big plus. When we get into the detailed design phase, we'll also look at ways of creating and conserving energy, employing recyclable materials and conserving water.

C: The early design plans are complete. What's the next step?

JD: Conceptually, we know where we're going. With the space requirements now complete, we're working to modify the design to include necessary detail. We want to start construction within the year. Osgoode's new Law School will open in 2010. ☺

The Right Architect for the Job

Jack Diamond is no stranger to Toronto, to education or, for that matter, to York University. The South African-born architect's design for the York University Student Centre earned the Award of Excellence from Canadian Architect and the Governor General's Award for Architecture – one of six to date awarded to his firm, Toronto's Diamond + Schmitt Architects Inc.

A graduate of the University of Cape Town, Oxford University and the University of Pennsylvania, Diamond has called Toronto home since 1965. In 1996, he was named an Officer of the Order of Canada and he received the Royal Architecture Institute of Canada Gold Medal, the field's highest honour, in 2001.

Evidence of Diamond's award-winning work extends around the world to include the Israeli Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem, Manhattan's Jewish Community Centre, UBC Life Sciences Centre, the Marion McCain Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Building at Dalhousie University, the Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts and the Metro Central YMCA in Toronto.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF THE FIRST-EVER NYU-OSGOODE JD/LLB CANDIDATE



by Katherine Rhodes '08

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The first day of the 2007-08 school year did not start on the day after Labour Day for all third-year Osgoode students. On Wednesday, August 29 – a full six days before classes began in North York – I attended my first class at New York University School of Law as the first-ever joint JD/LLB degree candidate. I was joined at NYU by two other Osgoode students participating in the joint LLM/LLB, Christian Kurtz '09 and Elie Zolty '09 (who started this January), and together, we make up what I shall refer to as “the Canada Contingent”. (Team Canada was taken). So far for me, the cultural adjustment to New York and NYU Law has been, well, educational.

I sat in my first class on a constitutional law subject, having done the reading, made notes, put my morning beverage in a travel mug, and seated myself in a key location near the centre of the room. I had all the perkiness of a disillusioned first year. Everyone had arrived 15 minutes prior to the start of class, and extracted highlighted copies of their legal texts that exceeded the rose windows of Notre Dame in colourful markings. A seating chart was distributed; I should have known then I was trapped.

“Miss Rhodes, what would you do in this

case? How would you interpret this phrase?” Great John A. Macdonald’s ghost! The rumours were true! The Socratic method is alive and well in legal pedagogy and staring me in the face! The question had not come from Professor Haigh, sipping his coffee. The chalkboard background was void of Professor Slattery’s perfect handwriting. And the air lacked the ironic humour of a Dassios and Lokan classroom. What could I do? The only thing I knew how:

“Well, sir, in Canada...”

Then, the greatest shock of all. My law professor didn’t care about what they do in Canada. My law professor didn’t care about what they do in Canada? Forget, Manitoba, Toto. This is an unknown world! The texts of Professor Hogg, the living tree, the Meech Lake Accord, the pain of a s.1 test, the brilliance of a s.7 test, the oddity of a s.33 threat, the Reference re: Secession of Quebec, the wisdom of the SCC bench (albeit, dressed like Santa) – none of it – applied here at NYU.

All ended well when I squeaked out an answer that the professor accepted. I immediately made a note to contact my MP. Later, walking down the hall, I stopped at a notice board announcing that the academic upon whom Professor Kingsfield in the Paper Chase was based has left Harvard to come teach here at NYU Law. The Dean’s Fellow students from last year’s McCamus Contracts class nowhere in sight, all I could do was laugh.

It’s the little things that make Osgoode special, and I had no idea how much I miss them now that I am gone. It’s not just that the largest law library in Canada has readily accessible washrooms on every floor, or even that the library staff will not begin to assess the cleanliness of your clothes when you ask where the “washroom” is located. Osgoode is a special place, and now abroad as a foreigner, I am glad it is my home base from which I’ve learned so much. Yet, with so much to learn south of the border, I can’t wait to see what they ask me next. ☼

A slightly longer version of this article was first published in the September 10, 2007 issue of the Obiter Dicta student newspaper.



Katherine Rhodes '08 and Christian Kurtz '09 (LLM/LLB)

The Jarislowsky Dimma Mooney Chair in Corporate Governance

His natural instinct is to “get deals done”, and so it was an eye-opener for **Edward J. Waitzer** when, as Falconbridge Professor of Commercial Law at Osgoode in the 2006-07 academic year, things didn’t quite work out that way.

“The year at Osgoode as Falconbridge Professor was a refreshing process of being forced to go back to first principles and have my views about legal and economic institutions challenged – a strong tonic to my natural instinct to ‘get deals done’,” says the former Chair of the Ontario Securities Commission and former Chair and now Senior Partner at Stikeman Elliott LLP in Toronto.

If anything, though, the experience thoroughly energized him and that’s one reason he’s looking forward to being back at Osgoode and the Schulich School of Business this year as the Jarislowsky Dimma Mooney Chair in Corporate Governance.

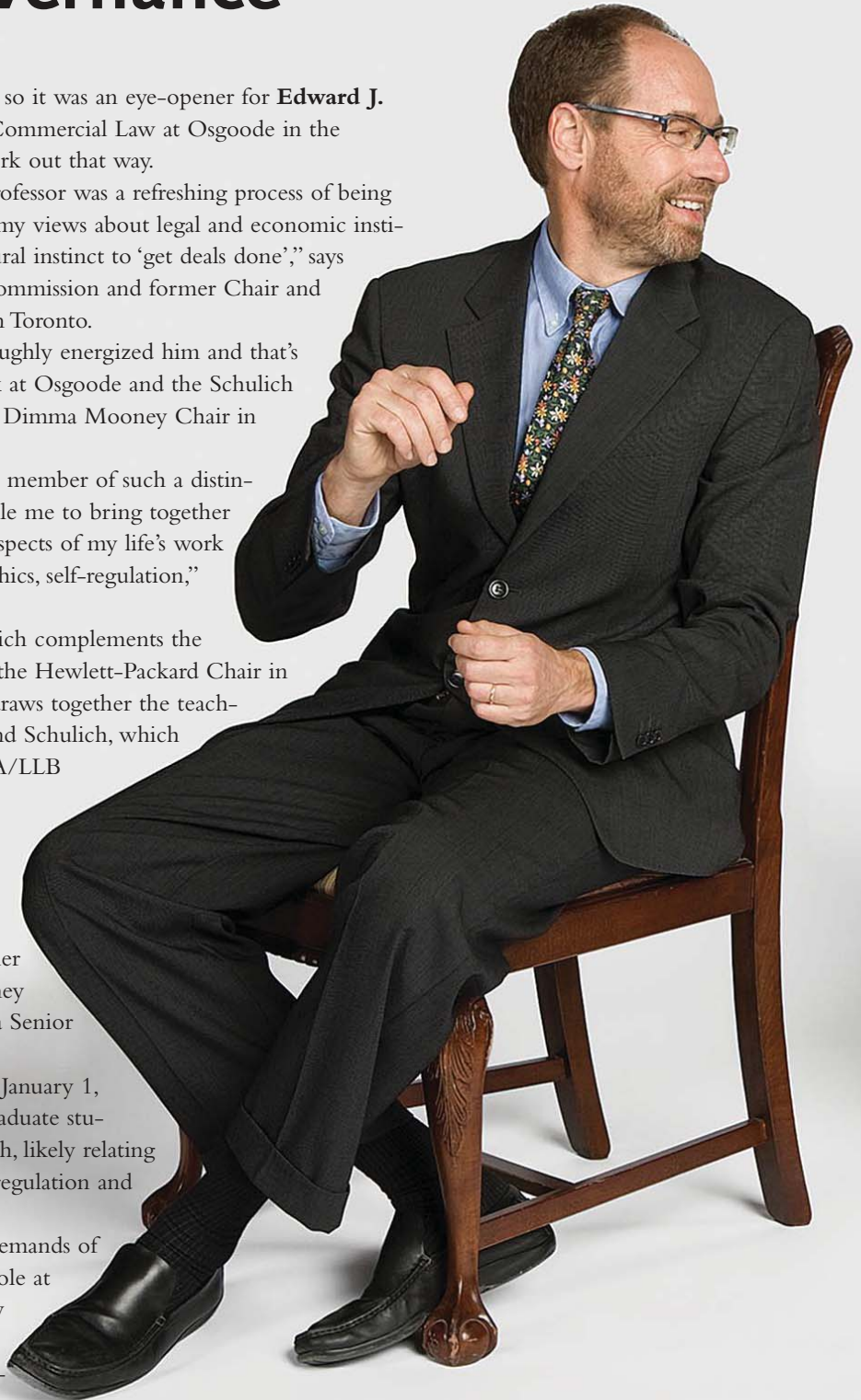
“I’m hoping that becoming a full-fledged member of such a distinguished academic community will better enable me to bring together and think about common themes in various aspects of my life’s work – law, social entrepreneurship, public policy, ethics, self-regulation,” Waitzer said.

The Chair in Corporate Governance, which complements the Osler Chair in Business Law at Osgoode and the Hewlett-Packard Chair in Corporate Social Responsibility at Schulich, draws together the teaching and research strengths of both Osgoode and Schulich, which together jointly established Canada’s first MBA/LLB degree program in 1972.

The Chair is being funded by The Jarislowsky Foundation; William Dimma, former President of Toronto Star Newspapers Limited, former President, CEO and Deputy Chairman of Royal LePage Limited, and former Dean of the Schulich School; and Gary Mooney ‘80, President and CEO of FNF Canada and a Senior Partner at Anderson Sinclair LLP.

Waitzer’s appointment, which took effect January 1, 2008, will involve teaching and supervising graduate students. He will also undertake scholarly research, likely relating to issues concerning corporate law, securities regulation and corporate governance.

So, how is Waitzer going to balance the demands of teaching with a continuing but scaled-down role at Stikeman Elliott? He puts it this way: “I am by nature a multi-tasker – it has enriched my life, I like to believe – and I hope my continuing involvement in the legal work will enhance my ability to contribute to academic life.” ☺



by Virginia Corner

The Osler Chair in Business Law

The announcement last spring of **Cynthia Williams**' two-year appointment as the Osler Chair in Business Law – Osgoode's first endowed Chair – created a real buzz. Osgoode had attracted a world-class expert to its ranks who would help to enhance the School's considerable faculty strength in business law.

Tim Kennish '64, then Co-Chair of Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP, which donated \$1 million toward the creation of the Chair that was then matched by York University and the Law School to create a \$2 million endowment for scholarship and teaching in business law, said at the time of the announcement how delighted his firm was to see such a distinguished academic as the inaugural holder of the Osler Chair in Business Law. And Kennish predicted that Williams would be "a great addition to the Osgoode faculty."

Well, he was certainly right about that. Since joining Osgoode last July, Williams has been going flat out, teaching two classes last semester (Business Associations as well as a seminar on corporate social responsibility and the role of shareholders) and enjoying "the dedication and seriousness of purpose of Canadian law students."

In her first few months on the job, she also made presentations at four conferences and completed two articles and a book chapter for publication. Plus, she continues to do research on the Equator Principles, a social and environmental risk management initiative developed by global banks, and is completing the second edition of her business associations casebook.

"Osgoode Hall Law School is a community of intellectually engaged, thoughtful scholars and students, and I'm honoured and happy to be a part of it," says Williams, who joined Osgoode from the University of Illinois College of Law where she had taught for 12 years.

Williams, who holds a BA from the University of California at Berkeley and a JD from New York

University School of Law, is an expert in securities law and corporate law, with a particular

emphasis on corporate social

responsibility. Her

Harvard Law Review

article, "The Securities

and Exchange Commission

and Corporate Social Transparency", was the lead article reprinted

in the Securities Law Review 2000, and was recognized by

Corporate Practice Commentator as one of the 10 best corporate or securities articles published in 1999. More recently, Williams has

begun collaborating with professors in anthropology, business, organizational psychology and economics. These collaborations have led to numerous publica-

tions, in such top-ranked journals as the Academy of Management Review

(2007) and the Journal of Organizational Behavior (2006) and forth-

coming book chapters in collections being published by Oxford University Press and Palgrave Press. ☼



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Faculty News

What does Osgoode have that Oxford wants? Professor Les Green!

Osgoode Professor Leslie (Les) Green has been elected to the Professorship of the Philosophy of Law at Oxford University and, with it, to a Fellowship at Balliol College, Oxford.

This permanent position is one of two Statutory Chairs in Jurisprudence in the Oxford law faculty and is one of the most prestigious chairs of jurisprudence in the English-speaking world. Luckily for Osgoode, the Chair leaves Professor Green free to work elsewhere for a period each year, and he will continue as a part-time member of the Osgoode faculty.

"Osgoode has been exceptionally generous with me over the years, allowing me to teach at many other leading law schools. I'm delighted that my new colleagues have

been willing to allow me a similar flexibility." Actually, some of Green's new colleagues are also his former colleagues. Not only did Osgoode originally steal Green from Lincoln College, Oxford back in 1986, former Osgoode Professor David Vaver is Oxford's Professor of Intellectual Property and Information Technology Law, and returned to Osgoode as a visiting scholar in the Fall 2007 semester. (see page 4) "In the strength of their faculty and students, and in their commitment to legal theory, Oxford and Osgoode are more alike than different. To be associated with two 'destination' law schools is a special privilege," Green says. "And in another 700 years or so, Osgoode's lawn's will surely rival Balliol's."



Les Green, in the Fellows Garden at Balliol College, Oxford, where he finds the faculty's commitment to outstanding legal education is much like Osgoode's.



Legal Aid Ontario Chair John McCamus

Having taught at Osgoode since 1971, you might think Professor John McCamus would be content to sit back and smell the roses. But he has embarked now on yet another challenge, this time as Chair of the 10-member Board of Legal Aid Ontario (LAO).

Appointed to the position in July 2007 by former Ontario Attorney General Michael

On the Go with John McCamus

Bryant '92, it is McCamus' responsibility to help improve the operation of LAO, which has an annual budget of \$350 million and operates certificate, duty counsel and clinic programs that provide services to more than one million low-income Ontarians each year.

"I've had a fairly steep learning curve at Legal Aid Ontario," says McCamus whose teaching responsibilities at Osgoode have been scaled back to one course a semester at least for this academic year while he learns the ropes at LAO.

It's a learning curve made easier, though, by the fact that he has a noted history of contribution to law reform efforts. In 1996-97, he chaired the first comprehensive review of Ontario's legal aid system in its 30-year history, and his report's recommendations resulted in the establishment of the LAO as an independent agency responsible for the administration of the legal aid system.

Two years ago, McCamus – who also

served as Chair of the Ontario Law Reform Commission from 1992 to 1996 – was retained by the Ontario government to update his 1997 report. He was in the midst of that task when the call came asking if he would be LAO Chair for a three-year term.

And when the LAO job is over, McCamus, who was Dean of the Law School from 1982 to 1987 and whose reputation for teaching and research excellence – he's the author of *the* book in Canada on the law of contracts – earned him membership in the prestigious Royal Society of Canada and York's highest academic title of University Professor, will happily return to academic life.

"I enjoy working with the kinds of students that we get in our program at Osgoode," he says. "They are so talented and also enthusiastic. They are the leaders of the profession in the making and they are the leaders of their communities as well. To work with them at this stage of their development is a great privilege."



Ontario Teaching Award Winners

Professors **Mary Jane Mossman** and **Peer Zumbansen** are among the winners of the 2007 Leadership in Faculty Teaching (LIFT) Award, an Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities award that recognizes teaching excellence at the province's universities and colleges.

Out of a total of 100 Ontario best faculty who were chosen to receive this first annual award, only three are law professors. Award recipients, who were nominated by students and faculty, will each receive \$20,000 over two years to encourage continued excellence in the classroom.

In announcing the winners, the Ministry noted, in part, that Mossman's contributions to teaching "are distinguished by her passion for justice and legal education, and her unwavering commitment to accessibility and inclusion." Of Zumbansen, who also serves as Associate Dean, Research, Graduate Studies & Institutional Relations, the Ministry said his approach to instruction is "marked by his commitment to excellence" and his courses "have generated a vibrant student intellectual community."



Canadian Association of Law Teachers (CALT) Award Winners

Professor **Jinyan Li** – who has been teaching and researching at Osgoode, primarily in the area of taxation law, since 1999 – was chosen the winner of the 2007 Canadian Association of Law Teachers (CALT) Award for Academic Excellence, which honours exceptional contribution to research and law teaching by a Canadian law teacher in mid-career.

In addition, Professor **James Stribopoulos '94**, together with his co-author, Professor Moin Yahya of the University of Alberta, received CALT's Scholarly Paper Award for substantial contribution to legal literature for their paper entitled: "Does a Judge's Party of Appointment or Gender Matter to Case Outcomes? An Empirical Study of the Court of Appeal for Ontario." Stribopoulos, who teaches Evidence and Criminal Procedure, has been at Osgoode since July 2006.

This is the first time that an Osgoode professor has been selected for the Scholarly Paper Award, but it is the third time our professors have won the Award for Academic Excellence. Professors Neil Brooks and Mary Jane Mossman received the award in 2002 and 2004, respectively. In 1992, Professor Emeritus Peter Hogg was given the CALT/Law Reform Commission of Canada Award for Achievement in Legal Scholarship.



New Profs on the Block

Aaron Dhir joined Osgoode in 2007, after three years with the University of Windsor's Faculty of Law. He teaches in the field of business law and his current research interests include corporate law theory and the intersection of transnational business activity with international human rights norms.

Sara Slinn taught for five years at Queen's Faculty of Law before joining Osgoode in 2007. She teaches labour law, and her research interests are in the areas of labour and employment law, focussing on different approaches and impediments to collective employee representation, and the intersection of Charter rights and labour law.

François Tanguay-Renaud, who will join Osgoode in July, is currently completing a doctorate in legal theory at the University of Oxford where he is also a lecturer at Corpus Christi College. At Osgoode, he will teach subjects related to the theory of public law and jurisprudence.

Gus Van Harten '99 (LLB/MES) joined Osgoode in January from the Law Department of the London School of Economics. Originally from Burlington, Ontario, he is teaching Administrative Law during the winter term.

Patrick Monahan Awarded Mundell Medal

Dean Patrick Monahan was awarded the David W. Mundell Medal for 2007 at a luncheon at the Ontario Bar Association's Institute of Continuing Legal Education in Toronto on Feb. 4, 2008. The medal, which was established in 1986 by then Attorney General Ian Scott '59 to honour the memory of the late David Walter Mundell '53, Q.C., is awarded annually by the Attorney General, on the advice of a committee chaired by the Chief Justice, to an Ontario writer who has made a distinguished contribution to law and letters.

"You are one of the most recognized constitutional scholars in Canada and your writings in constitutional law and policy in particular have been extraordinarily influential," Ontario Attorney General Chris Bentley said in a letter advising Monahan that he had been selected to receive the medal. "Both bench and bar owe you much."

Monahan has written or co-written nine books, 12 monographs or reports, and 38 scholarly articles or book chapters. In addition, he has edited 11 published collections of scholarly papers. Two monographs, in particular, illustrated ground-breaking work on Quebec secession and Canada's national health care system, which led to changes in our constitutional law.

Over the years, six other Osgoode faculty (Jean-Gabriel Castel, Peter Hogg, Harry Arthurs, John McCamus, Sharon Williams '74 (LLM) and Garry Watson) have received the David W. Mundell Medal. Mundell was a pre-eminent constitutional lawyer who worked for many years as a counsel in the Ministry of the Attorney General, and who was known for clarity, imagination and grace in both his writing and speaking.

Finest Faculty: The photo below was taken for one of a series of Building Osgoode Campaign advertisements that ran in the Globe and Mail in 2007. *Left to right*, John McCamus, Jinyan Li, Les Green, Giuseppina (Pina) D'Agostino '99, Allan Hutchinson, Lisa Philipps '92(LLM), Stepan Wood '92, Kent McNeil, Sonia Lawrence, Garry Watson, Obiora Okafor.

Building Blocks

The Building Osgoode Campaign is helping us to create an exciting expansion to our school. But the campaign is about more than bricks and mortar: in the past two years alone, Osgoode has further strengthened its award-winning faculty by hiring a number of outstanding professors – including the Osler Chair in Business Law. It is this kind of breakthrough thinking that will help Osgoode maintain its commitment to being Canada's foremost law school.

For more information visit www.osgoode.yorku.ca/campaign.

THE BUILDING OSGOODE CAMPAIGN



Alumni News

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Standing left to right:

Patrick Monahan '80 (Dean), Anita Herrmann (Director, Office of Advancement), Elissa Gamus '88, Paul Torrie '80, George Cowley '98, '01 (LLM), Carol Albert '80, '98 (LLM), Beverley Flynn '01, Andrew Evangelista '92, Jessica Catton '08, John Tobin '87, Gillian McCullough (Associate Director, Office of Advancement)

Seated left to right:

Sandra Forbes '90, Giuseppina D'Agostino '99, Karen Weiler '74, Michael Sax '98 (LLM)

Missing:

Gina Alexandris '91, (Assistant Dean, Student Services), Catherine Beagan Flood '97, Professor Jamie Cameron, Leslie Dizgun '86, '97 (LLM), Carol Hansell '86, David Jackson '72, Anil K. Kapoor '86, Lynn McGrade '88

Alumni Association Board is Building Relevance to the Law School

We can all take pride in the rich history of Osgoode Hall Law School.

Presently, it is an exciting time to be an alumnus of Osgoode Hall Law School. Osgoode continues to attract the best and brightest of students pursuing the study of law. The faculty and administration continues to attract top scholars and jurists from across Canada and the world. While these traditions are nothing new to the remarkable history of Osgoode, new endeavours promise to shape the future of the Law School in the years to come. Osgoode recently launched a joint JD/LLB program with New York University School of Law. Students who qualify can now study under some of the top legal scholars in North America pursuing a joint international law degree. The Ontario Law Reform Commission has been reestablished at Osgoode Hall Law School and the recently launched Building Osgoode Campaign is an ambitious building campaign to improve the

quality of life and environment at the School.

The ongoing and past success of the Class Reunion Programs, Award of Excellence, Alumni Gold Key Awards and Student Mentor Program are just a few examples of how the Alumni Association contributes to Osgoode. Our Alumni Association provides an ongoing and vital link between alumni and Osgoode. All alumni can participate in the leading edge Osgoode Public Interest Requirement; Continuing Legal Education at Osgoode Professional Development; and the Mentor Program. These are just a few ways in which all alumni can continue to add to the rich fabric and bright future of Osgoode Hall Law School.

I have had the pleasure of serving on the Alumni Board of Directors for the past 14 years and I am proud to be the current President.

Your participation in the Alumni Association and Osgoode Hall Law School can, and does, make a difference.



Andrew Evangelista '92
President, Alumni
Association

Alumni Dream Jobs



Warren Winkler '62,'64 (LLM)

There was a time when Ontario Chief Justice Warren Winkler had never met a lawyer, let alone a judge. He'd certainly never been inside a courtroom.

Yet now he's the province's top judge, as well as a nationally acclaimed legal author and scholar and in-demand speaker. He has received some of the most prestigious awards that can be given to those in the legal profession – the Bora Laskin Award, to name one, for his outstanding contributions to Canadian labour law.

Winkler has also handled some of Ontario's most difficult and acrimonious legal cases with his customary diplomacy and aplomb. In 2003, he dealt with no less than nine unions and two companies during the restructuring of Air Canada, and completed the job successfully in a mere three weeks. "But it was exactly one month and 19 days before I got up in the morning and

didn't feel like something had taken out my insides," he admits, vividly remembering the intensity of negotiations.

In the 1990s, Winkler oversaw a six-month dispute between Ontario Hydro and the Power Workers Union to a positive conclusion. So pleased was everyone with the outcome that today he calls some members of the union friends. Still, he recalls being so exhausted at one 39-hour session during the mediations that he became disoriented and had to be put in a cab and sent home.

Those are the sides of Winkler that most members of the public never see, because Winkler is the epitome of a calm, wise and skillful arbitrator, a man who constantly garners respect from both sides of a dispute for his patience, careful listening and even more carefully considered judgments. True to form, he seems relatively unfazed by his new position. "I am very honoured to have this job, and

I think it will be very interesting. The job is a weighty one, it's a daunting one, but I will take it one day at a time."

Winkler has reached the heights in his profession, yet to talk with him you would almost believe he entered law on a whim. Raised in Pincher Creek, Alberta, he tells of sitting alone on top of a mountain in the Canadian Rockies after he had finished his undergraduate degree, mulling over what to do with the rest of his life.

At first, he thought he'd like to be a history professor, then he started thinking about becoming a biologist, and finally he settled on studying law. "It had the ring of adventure and excitement and the unknown to me. So I promptly wrote to all the law schools in Ontario." He was accepted by all.

"I didn't know a single soul when I arrived in Toronto in 1959. There I was in a heat wave, wearing a wool suit that I had bought because I thought everyone in Toronto wore a suit."

There was no orientation day for new students then – something Winkler now volunteers his time for, guiding incoming students through historic Osgoode Hall, the original home of the Law School.

"When I was first at Osgoode, I would look around and think, 'I'll never be one of those judges, I'll never work in this part of the building – the court part.'" Ironically, Winkler encountered a student with a similar mindset on the 2007 orientation tour of Osgoode Hall, which inspired the Chief Justice to throw away his prepared speech and deliver an impassioned off-the-cuff address.

"I said to him and to the whole class, 'I know you think that way, but it's absolutely not true. You can be here. Every single one of you can do this. You can be a lawyer practising in there, a judge in there.... You can be the chief justice in there. I know it's possible. I am the living proof.'"

During the rare moments when Winkler manages to find time to himself, he relishes a good read and often has a dozen different books on the go. He is an avid bird watcher who also enjoys spending time with his two labs, Maggie and Gretzky.

But perhaps his greatest passions at the moment are his two granddaughters, ages five and three. He delights in telling of the time the elder grandchild, Emily, gave him some advice. "She said to me, 'You've got to learn to be patient. That means if breakfast is a little late, you've got to be patient. You can't get excited.' And she added, 'If you want to use this advice in any of your speeches [pause], go ahead.'" Winkler's laughter resounds as he recalls the story.



Katie Taylor '84 (LLB/MBA)

Who can keep up with Toronto's dynamic Katie Taylor, President and Chief Operating Officer of Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts? Who would dare to try?

Her pace is something everyone who knows her now expects – except for her mother. “My mother looks at what I do, and she cannot imagine why I would want to do it, let alone do it,” she chuckles.

Taylor holds one of the world's premier hotel jobs, with a massive portfolio, overseeing 74 hotels in 31 countries, not to mention keeping an eye on the 32 properties under development. The entire organization reports to her, and she in turn reports to founder and CEO Isadore Sharp.

“I go to some exotic places in my job,” Taylor says in typical understatement, referring to the extravagant, luxurious new Four Seasons Golf Club in Dubai Festival City. But she says her real love is meeting some of the more than 34,000 staff members who work in the hotels around the globe.

It is definitely a job for an extrovert. Fortunately, Taylor has always been outgoing and socia-

ble. “I was always in trouble at school for talking in class,” she admits, with a smile in her voice.

A typical day for Taylor, when at home in Toronto, is: rise at 7a.m.; get children – son Taylor, 16, and daughter Kevan, 13 – off to school (step-daughter, Robin, is 35 and an investment banker in New York City); and arrive at work around 8:15, Starbucks in hand.

“My day is consumed by meetings, phone calls and e-mails, covering everything from people issues to new development challenges to problems that need to be solved at our operating

hotels,” says Taylor who worked at Goodmans LLP and the Ontario Securities Commission before arriving at Four Seasons in 1989.

If her day ends at around 7 p.m., then Taylor has dinner with husband Neil Harris, a senior tax partner at Goodmans, who is incredibly supportive of her job. When there are evening meetings, she still tries to get home by 9:30, “so I can see the kids and spend time with Neil.”

After completing her bachelor of arts degree in political science and economics, Taylor was inspired by a former boyfriend to enter the LLB/MBA program at York University, a program she still recommends when asked for career advice by students.

Aside from her hotel responsibilities, Taylor sits on councils, foundations and committees and is a director of the Royal Bank of Canada. However, she says she still manages to carve out time for holidays. Where does she stay? At Four Seasons Hotels, of course – or sometimes at the competition. It's part of the job, checking them out,” she says laughingly.

Scott Howson '90

You would think that, for someone like Scott Howson, General Manager of the National Hockey League's Columbus Blue Jackets, who loves being immersed in hockey, the ultimate ambition would be to actually meet some NHL superstars.

Not necessarily. Howson, former Assistant GM of the Edmonton Oilers, has certainly encountered The Great One – Wayne Gretzky – and others, “but the big emotional charge for me was not meeting them, but working in the hockey world itself, because that is my



passion. It is a privilege to be working in the NHL.”

Glamorous jobs like Howson's, though, come with heavy responsibilities. At the moment, Howson says he is so overwhelmed at having been awarded the job of ensuring that the Blue Jackets make it to the playoffs, that he hasn't had much time to sit and enjoy the glory of being in such a prestigious job.

“I have to make sure we make the correct decisions when

acquiring players – which means, first, we have to have the right people in the right positions to evaluate prospective players. That's my biggest challenge right now.”

Still, Howson has it made: As GM he has managed to combine two of his greatest enthusiasms – law and hockey – in one dream job.

In 1986, after playing in 18 NHL games with the New York Islanders and, before that, starting with the Kingston Canadians, Howson followed his heart and his head, and took up law at Osgoode Hall Law School.

“I thought a law degree was a pretty practical and impressive one to have. Law is an intriguing and interesting field. It teaches you a certain way to think. Certainly, law school taught me that, and so did practising at Torys,” Howson says from his home in Columbus, Ohio, where he, his wife and three children have been living since he became GM last summer.

While at Torys, he couldn't help longing to be back on the rink, metaphorically speaking, so he decided to turn his yearnings into reality. Howson's plan worked – swiftly and impressively. In 1994, he became

GM of the Edmonton Oilers' farm team, the Cape Breton Oilers (later the Hamilton Bulldogs), and then in 2000 was hired as Assistant GM of the prestigious Oilers themselves.

Howson has found his Osgoode legal training and his two years of corporate law at Torys invaluable in the hockey management field. “The whole approach – critical thinking – is valuable in any business. It is certainly valuable here.”

2007 Reunion Memories

THANK YOU

Ten classes celebrated milestones this year, starting with the Class of '50 who couldn't wait for 2010 and their 60th reunion, and ending with the Class of '97. It is only through the hard work and diligence of over 75 volunteers that reunions are made possible.

A BIG THANK YOU is extended to everyone who helped make these 2007 reunions a success.



2008 REUNIONS

It is the perfect time to get together and relive old memories and see classmates *but great reunions are the result of great committees!*

The Office of Advancement needs your help and input to plan your reunion. As a member of the Class Reunion Planning Committee, you can play an important role in creating an experience to remember. Your participation is a great opportunity to reconnect with Osgoode Hall Law School and the friendships that began here.

All Classes ending with a 3 or 8 (or those who just can't wait) are invited to celebrate a reunion in 2008!

If you would like to get involved in your reunion planning, contact the Office of Advancement at 416-736-5638 or alum-ni@osgoode.yorku.ca.

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Dianne Martin Medal

Terrence L. Hunter '72



Alumni Gold Key Award

Verlyn F. Francis '95
— Service



Alumni Gold Key Award

Mahesh Uttamchandani '97
— Recent Graduate



Alumni Gold Key Award

Mark M. Persaud
'91, '01 (LLM)
— Public Sector



Alumni Gold Key Award

Mary Louise Dickson QC '64
— Achievement

Dianne Martin Medal for Social Justice Through Law

This medal will be awarded to a member of the Canadian legal community who has exemplified Dianne's commitment to law as an instrument for achieving social justice and fairness.

NOMINATION SUBMISSION

- Letter of nomination outlining how the nominee meets the criteria of the medal
- Biography of the nominee (not to exceed two pages)
- Maximum of four letters of support
- Maximum of four pages of additional materials

Completed nomination submissions must be received by March 21, 2008. Please send your package to:

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Osgoode Hall Law School
Alumni Association
York University
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Toronto, ON M3J 1P3
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2008 Alumni Gold Key Awards

The Board of Directors of Osgoode Hall Law School Alumni Association created an award in 2002 known as the Osgoode Hall Law School Alumni Gold Key Award presented annually to honour outstanding alumni. Up to 10 awards will be given at the Dean's Annual Alumni Reception on Wednesday, May 21, 2008.

CATEGORIES

1. Achievement

This award recognizes exceptional professional achievement. The Awards Committee shall consider the following criteria in making the selection:

- a record of professional accomplishment;
- proven leadership and commitment in a chosen field of endeavour;
- recognizable contribution to the Law School and/or the community at large.

2. Recent Graduate

This award recognizes exceptional professional achievement of recent graduates. The Awards Committee shall consider the following criteria in making the selection:

- graduated in the last ten years (preference will be given to more recent alumni);
- high levels of achievement early in one's chosen career or profession;
- demonstrated leadership capability;
- recognizable contribution to the Law School and/or the community at large.

3. Public Sector Law

This award recognizes the achievements of public sector or government lawyers. The Awards Committee shall consider the following criteria in making the selection:

- sustained outstanding service or a specific extraordinary accomplishment;
- significant contributions to social justice or public service;
- recognizable contribution to the Law School and/or the community at large.

4. Service

This award acknowledges significant contributions of time and energy to Osgoode Hall Law School and/or the Alumni Association. The Awards Committee shall consider the following criteria in making the selection:

- demonstrate leadership, commitment and support for the Law School;
- support the Law School's alumni efforts;
- advancement of the Law School's objectives or goals.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Nomination submissions must include:

- a letter from the nominator outlining how the nominee meets the criteria of the award;
- CV or biography;
- up to a maximum of four letters of support;
- up to a maximum of four pages of additional material.

**Deadline for receipt of
2008 nominations is
March 21, 2008**

To fill out a nomination form,
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www.osgoodealumni.ca

Nominations may be mailed
or emailed to:

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1970's

Adrian Hill '74 is President of the Canadian Association for Suicide Prevention and has practised law for 30 years. He earned the Law Society Medal and Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal for outstanding contributions and service to the people of Canada.

Joel Lawrence Hertz '77 retired after 28 years as a litigation lawyer in Toronto. He is a York Region Public School Trustee representing Vaughan-Thornhill. Son Paul studies biochemistry at York.

Grant W. Buchan-Terrell '78 is celebrating 27 years of business law practice, working the last 6 as an independent attorney in Oakville, Ontario.

Elaine Greaves '78 is an Assistant Professor at Youngstown State University in Ohio. She is also a Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Trustee in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern Division in Youngstown, Ohio.

1980's

John H. Askin '80 founder of the Wealth Strategy Group, has recently published a book, *For Love Not Money* and resides in Vancouver, B.C.

John Parker '80 was elected to Toronto City Council for Ward 26. A Toronto lawyer and ex-MPP, he is a founding member of the Ontario Association of Former Parliamentarians.

Andrea Rosen '81 (LLB/MBA) was appointed to the Board of Directors of Emera Inc. She was formerly the Vice-Chair of TD Bank Financial Group and President of TD Canada Trust. Andrea is currently a Director of Hiscox Ltd., an international specialist insurer.



Louise LeBlanc '83 sadly announced that her husband Philip Nowe passed away in his 45th year on September 4th, 2006.

Kevin Deveau '89 resigned his seat in 2007 after nine years as an MLA in the Nova Scotia House of Assembly (the last four as House Leader for the Official Opposition), to accept a position with the United Nations Development Programme. Kevin will be the

Senior Technical Adviser to the Vietnamese National Assembly. This work is a natural extension of his work in Kosovo, Iraq, Cambodia, Palestine and Egypt, which Kevin has been doing since 2002.

Christine M. Silversides '87 returned to York University as Director, Legal Services, in the office of the Counsel in August, 2006.

Richard G. Tarasofsky '88 has headed the Energy, Environment and Development Program at the Royal Institute of International Affairs in London, England, since 2004.

1990's

Karolee Zawislak '94 and her husband Larry practise law together in Saskatchewan and Alberta as Zawislak and Zawislak.



Gary Svirsky '95 was admitted into partnership with the law firm of Melveny & Myers, effective February 1, 2008. He practises in the New York City office.

Rajeev Sharma '97 joined the Toronto in-house legal department of Bayer Inc. in November 2007. Prior to that, he was a lawyer with Heenan Blaikie LLP in Toronto since 2003. He can be reached at sharmarajeev@rogers.com.

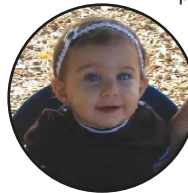
Michael H. Torkin '97 was among 13 associates and counsel across nine offices worldwide elected to the partnership of Shearman & Sterling LLP. He will be practising in the firm's bankruptcy and reorganization group in New York City.

Moonlake Lee '98 (MBA/LLB), '02 (LLM) is CEO of eMenders Ptd. Ltd., a group of 50 doctors in private practice at the Mount Elizabeth Memorial Centre in Singapore.

2000's

Adam Givertz '00 was elected a partner of Shearman & Sterling LLP. Adam practises in the firm's mergers and acquisitions capital markets and groups in Toronto.

Jonathan Levy '01 and Blimie Levy are the proud parents of a baby girl, Ella Michelle, a sister to Mark. Jonathan is the head of Florida real estate acquisitions for a private equity group, the Edmonton-based Triple Five Group.



Naomi Zener '02 has joined Knightscope Media Corporation as the new Director, Business and Legal Affairs. Her industry experience includes the position of Legal Counsel at CBC, as well as Manager, Business, Rights and Content Management at the CBC.

Warren Newman '04 (LLM) was recently appointed to the position of Senior General Counsel, Constitutional and Administrative Law at the Department of Justice.

Michelle Lee Campbell '05 articulated in Halifax and was called to the Nova Scotia Bar in June 2006. She recently moved to Ottawa and is a senior policy analyst in the Climate Change Division at the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada.

Tricia D. Hannigan (nee Singh), '00, '05 (LLM) married **Timothy Hannigan '00**. Tricia is a litigation lawyer at Bell Temple LLP and part-time professor in insurance law at Humber College's School of Business. Timothy is a labour lawyer and partner at Ryder, Wright, Blair & Holmes LLP.

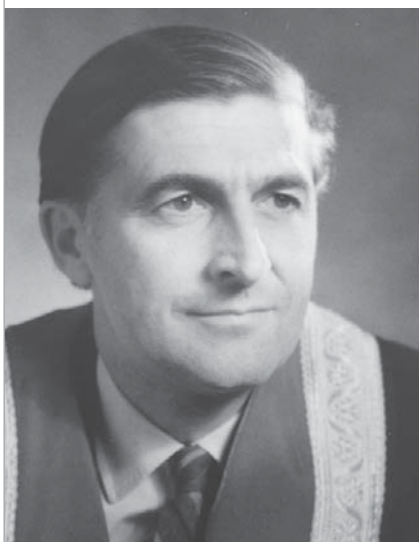


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Henry D. Langdon	1930	Joseph M. Wiacek	1953
Samuel Gotfrid	1932	Milton J. Brown	1954
Brendan O'Brien	1932	William F. Golden	1954
G. E. Marie Wilson Sanders	1932	Irving Greenberg	1954
Johnston M. Armstrong	1935	R. Darrell Keating	1954
Abraham Acker	1936	Roland M. Parker	1954
Charles P. Haskett	1937	Robert H. Watson	1954
Kenneth Y. Dick	1938	George A. Beecroft	1955
William E. Colter	1940	George A. Kerr	1955
James B. Keachie	1940	Kenneth P. Jarvis	1956
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Louis Guolla	1943	Alan Bennett	1958
Bryant M. Kassirer	1946	Michael S. Fitzpatrick	1958
Louis A. Tureck	1946	Jack J. Lesser	1958
George C. Butterill	1947	Reginald Mori	1958
Austin Conway	1948	William E. Paterson	1958
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Albert B. Lawrence	1948	Douglas A. Farr	1959
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John F. Walsh	1948	William R. McMurtry	1960
Russell C. Honey	1949	Michael R. Meehan	1960
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Carl A. Stone	1950	James W. Andrew	1973
Stanley G. Tinker	1950	Murray Klein	1974
Edward H. Unger	1950	Martin A. Ceresney	1975
Anne R. Dubin	1951	Wayne T. King	1978
Sydney Himel	1951	Susan M. Morley	1979
John F. McCart	1951	Barbara J. Stradwick	1982
Walter K. Norman	1951	Kevin I. Munro	1985
Charles F. Robertson	1951	Lynne M. Boytzun	1992
Arthur N. Stone	1951	Benjamin J. Salvarinas	1994



Gerald Eric Le Dain CC, QC, BCL, D de l'Univ, DCL, LLD

The first scheduled passenger train in England ran from Liverpool to Manchester in 1830. The local Member of Parliament, a man named Huskisson, was supposed to greet the arriving train. However, no one had ever done that before, and poor Huskisson – misjudging the speed of the train – stepped in front of it and was run over. I know how he felt. My first meeting with Gerry Le Dain was pretty much that way. In fact, all my meetings with him were. What a locomotive of a man Gerry was.

— Harry W. Arthurs

It was with these words that Professor Emeritus Harry W. Arthurs began his eulogy to his dear friend and esteemed colleague Gerald Le Dain, Dean of Osgoode Hall Law School from 1967 to 1972, who died December 18, 2007 at the age of 83.

Published obituaries have given an account of his stellar legal career, focusing particularly on the Commission of Inquiry into the Non-Medical Use of Drugs, which he chaired from 1969 to 1973. The Le Dain report, which recommended the decriminalization of marijuana use, was one of the most politically explosive documents ever put before the federal government. There was, however, far more to the story than was reported in the press.

As Chair of the Commission, Le Dain not only presided over public hearings, he placed the problem at the centre of his own life for four years. “Gerry had a special quality of empathy. He engaged with young people on their terms, and indeed on their turf. He listened to them; he felt with them; he imagined himself as their peers and their parents,” explained Harry Arthurs. “This was not only a groundbreaking legal and political resolution of a difficult social problem; it was an act of intense emotional courage for someone of Gerry’s background and disposition.”

In his eulogy, Harry Arthurs suggested that Le Dain – a superb advocate – took on his toughest brief as Dean of Osgoode Hall Law School when he presided over a revolution in Canadian legal education. “It was his responsibility to persuade York University, the Law Society of Upper Canada and the world at large that what we were doing was not only the legitimate, not only the sensible, but the inevitable way forward. This was-

n’t easy. Everything was changing in the Law School: pedagogy and scholarship and governance and – not least – academic manners, a matter of concern to Gerry who was an officer and a gentleman and a Supreme Court Justice in the making.”

Arthurs also recalled what a fabulous teacher Le Dain was. “He taught me many things: how to set high standards, how to be self-critical, how to take one’s self and others seriously, how to accept the demands of duty, how to draw lines when they needed to be drawn, how to act honourably and generously, and especially how to do these things while holding one’s self open to all of life’s joys and sorrows.”

Le Dain also had a huge influence on Osgoode Professor Bruce Ryder, one of 12 law clerks who worked with Le Dain at the Supreme Court of Canada. In his eulogy, Ryder remembered Le Dain, who was on the Supreme Court from 1984 until his retirement in 1988, as a “big man in every respect” and “one of the pioneers of the modern era of law teaching and legal research in Canada.”

On the bench, Le Dain was a force. “One of the striking aspects of his record during his nine years at the Federal Court of Appeal (1975-84) is that he almost always wrote for a majority, rarely in dissent. His colleagues knew that his work was utterly persuasive. And if they had any doubts, Gerry would charm them out of them.”

The Honourable Gerald Eric Le Dain Bursary was established at Osgoode in his honour in 2001 and is awarded annually to a student registered in the graduate program in law.

Justice Le Dain is survived by his son Eric and daughters Barbara, Jennifer and Caroline. He was predeceased by his wife, Cynthia, and by his daughters Jacqueline and Catherine.

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